Meals on Late running Trains

1890. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Railways to provide tea, snacks and meals to the passengers on trains running late?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Steps taken include monitoring of late running by Commercial officers, sending advance intimation to base kitchen, static units en-route, preparation of certain items in the pantry car, providing out of course stoppages at stations having adequate catering facilities, etc.

मऊ और शाहगंज रेल लाइन का बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तन

1891. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मऊ और शाहगंज रेल लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित किए जाने का निर्णय ले लिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आमान परिवर्तन के कार्य को कब तक पूरा कर लिया जायेगा; और

(ग) इस कार्य को पूरा करने के लिए कितनी धनराशि व्यय करने का प्रावधान किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) मऊ-शाहगंज मीटर को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का काम, कार्य योजना में शामिल कर लिया गया है तथा इसे 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है।

(ख) अभी इस कार्य को पूरा करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) इस कार्य को आने वाले वर्षों में बजट में शामिल किये जाने पर धन का प्रावधान किया जाएगा।

Rail accidents in South Central Railways

1892. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on the South Central Railways since 1st January, 1992;

(b) the fatalities involved therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a lot of delay before rescue teams reach the accident site;

(d) whether there is any possibility of instituting a system to enable railway authorities to be alerted immediately of accidents; and

(e) what steps are being taken to institute better and more efficient systems to tackle the rescue work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There were 18 train accidents on South Central Railway during the period 1-1-1992 to 30-4-1992.

(b) 27 persons lost their lives in these accidents.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The existing system enables the railway authorities to be alerted immediately after an accident.

(e) Technologically advanced re-railing equipment is being kept in readiness at various strategic locations.

Ticketless travelling on South Central Railways

1893. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ticketless travel is on the increase on the South Central Railways;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to combat this menace;

(c) whether any special drive against ticketless travelling has been undertaken during the last three months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The measures taken to curb ticketless travel include surprise/ magisterial checks from time to time, publicity campaigns through different media and deterrent penalties incorporated in the new Railways Act.

During January to March 1992, 35 special drives against ticketless/ irregular travel were conducted on South Central Railway. Total 77,155 persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper ticket during this period and railway dues amounting to Rs. 81.64 lakhs and judicial fine of Rs. 2.57 lakhs were recovered from them.

World Bank loan for Railway Productivity Improvement

1894. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh World Bank loan is being negotiated by Government for 'Railway Productivity Improvement';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the World Bank has stipulated a condition that the existing production units of Railways will be privatised in the next 3 years and no new Production Unit will be started in Government sector in future; and

(c) if so, the stand proposed to be adopted by Government on the conditions which are detrimental to the interests of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in Train Services in the Country

1895. SHRI RAM SINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to increase the train services from different parts of the country to Madhya Pradesh in view of its tourism potential;

(b) if so, what are the details, thereof;

(c) the number of summer special trains that would terminate in Madhya Pradesh or pass through the State and the number of them that would originate from Madhya Pradesh during the current summer season; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The following trains proposed to be introduced in 1992-93 will also serve Madhya Pradesh and the tourists:

1. Nizamuddin-Indore Express.
2. Nizamuddin-Sambalpur Express (tri-weekly).
3. New Delhi/Nizamuddin-Bangalore Rajdhani Express (Weekly).

(c) and (d) About 248 summer special trains being run on the following routes will also serve Madhya Pradesh:—

1. Bombay (Kurla)-Varanasi.
2. Bombay (Kurla)-Gorakhpur.
3. Bombay Central-Delhi via Ratlam.
4. Nizamuddin-Alleppy.
5. Ahmedabad-Varanasi.

However, no train will originate/ terminate in Madhya Pradesh.